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FOR AMBASSADOR TOON FROM THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS

1. IN LIGHT OF MANY PRESS REPORTS ON POSSIBLE MOBILE ICBM
BASING METHODS AND WARNKE/SEMOV CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT
DURING PRIVATE MEETING JULY 17, PLEASE GIVE TO KORNIYENKO
THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN STATEMENT OF OUR POSITION. YOU SHOULD
EXPLAIN THAT THE ESSENTIALS OF THE STATEMENT HAVE BEEN
EXPRESSED BY WARNKE TO DOBRININ AND ALSO TO SEMENOV. YOU
SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE US IS NOT PROPOSING TO CHANGE
THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT BECAUSE IT IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH
THE POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS,
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INCLUDING THOSE OF THE KIND DESCRIBED IN THE STATEMENT,
IN THE POST-PROTOCOL PERIOD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE THREAT POSED TO OUR FIXED ICBMS BY YOUR
HIGHLY-ACCURATE MIRVED ICBMS NECESSITATES PRESERVING OUR
OPTION TO FLIGHT-TEST AND TO DEPLOY DURING THE PERIOD TO
1985 A MORE SURVIVABLE, MOBILE BASING METHOD, SUCH AS ONE

IN WHICH MISSILES AND THEIR LAUNCHERS ARE MOVED AMONG
MULTIPLE POSITIONS. THESE POSITIONS MIGHT THEMSELVES BE
HARDENED. THE RIGHT TO DEPLOY SUCH A MOBILE ICBM SYSTEM
AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE PROTOCOL HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED IN
THE SECOND AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE II, PARAGRAPH I, WHICH
STATES, "THE PARTIES AGREE THAT, AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH
THE PROTOCOL CEASES TO BE IN FORCE, MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS
SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RELEVANT LIMITATIONS PROVIDED FOR
IN THE TREATY WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO ICBM LAUNCHERS,
UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE THAT MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS SHALL
NOT BE DEPLOYED AFTER THAT DATE." END TEXT.

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